

(c) if, so, the precautions taken/proposed to be taken to ensure complete safety of nuclear establishments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A section of the press had published certain statements, including those on safety issues pertaining to nuclear installations, attributed to the former Chairman of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB).

Regarding the issues raised in the press statements, the former Chairman of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board, himself had stated that the AERB evaluation had not revealed any dangerous deficiency existing in any of the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) installations, warranting any restrictive action on its continued operation.

(c) Administrative and technical machinery at different levels is in place to monitor and enforce safety stipulations in DAE installations.

The machinery encompasses a three-level structure comprising (a) Unit Safety Committee at each installation; (b) Safety Review Committee for Operating Plants; and (c) Atomic Energy Regulatory Board.

Family Pension

6013. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the spouses/children of the deceased employees are paid family pension and salary when they are employed in deceased employees quota; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to stop the pension when they are employed ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Encroachment of Government Land

6014. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer given to USQ No. 5331 dated September, 11, 1996 regarding encroachment on Government land and state:

(a) whether the position regarding provision of electricity/water connection by NDMC has been ascertained;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not providing electricity and water connections to the persons who have purchased plots from the allottees of the plots under 20 Point Programme in Delhi;

(d) whether water and electricity connections have been provided to the people who purchased plots from the Jhuggi-Jhonpri dwellers who were allotted plots in Delhi;

(e) the action taken to get the Government land in Anant Ram Dairy vacated from the encroachers; and

(f) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Covering of Verandah

6015. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to USQ No. 3948 on December 18, 1996 regarding complaints and state:

(a) the total funds allocated and spent during the last three years for covering the verandah, year-wise;

(b) whether sub-standard construction materials and financial irregularities have come to light between contractor and engineers in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(d) whether a number of verandahs were covered in Laxmi Bai Nagar without the requisite 10% payment during 1996;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Government propose to extend the non-payment scheme to this year also; and

(g) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Funds are allocated for all minor works including covering of verandah. Total funds allocated for minor works during last three years and amount spent on covering of verandah is given below:-

Year	Funds allotted under Minor Works (Rs. in Lakhs)	Amount spent on covering of Verandah (Rs. in Lakhs)
1993-94	63.05	13.710
1994-95	87.65	21.945
1995-96	106.36	18.012

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.